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SUBJECT: Venona stuff you asked for

1. Bill, attached is a draft schedule (cleared with Judy I. and Rona), draft note from you to DCI, and a package of sample high interest translations. *E*

2. The draft note to DCI explains some of things we've been discussing, so won't re-state here.



4. Done my best to deal with GC's advice on names.

5. Yesterday I talked to FBI L.O., FBI CI analysis shop, CIA historian, OGC, Z, our PIO, N5 and Cecil Phillips. I gave  one set of the 3 volume history, promised a few more and discussed the history (not the release controversy) with him. Will try to do external dissem of the history (FBI, CIA, PFIAB staff et al) next week.

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR RELEASE

1. Late June 1995. Draft press release and accompanying summary unclassified history of Venona completed and in circulation for appropriate review.
2. Early July 1995. FBI OK for release of A-bomb spy names.
3. Late July 1995. Press release, unclassified summary history and the approx 50 A-bomb spy messages (one GRU, remainder KGB) released to public.
4. July 1996. All translations of messages on the NY, Washington, San Francisco, Mexico City < -- > Moscow lanes to have been released to public: KGB, GRU, GRU-naval.

The 2nd and 4th steps depend on FBI OK of names for release. The 4th step could be completed sooner than July 96 if we succeed in getting fast, cooperative arrangement with FBI.

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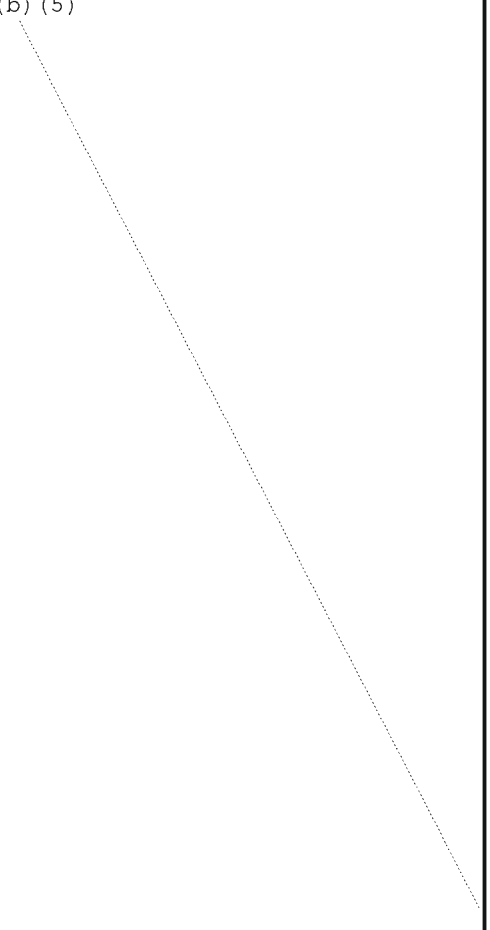
Draft note to DCI

1. Attached is a schedule for public release and a group of sample translations - some of the Rosenberg and or A-bomb spy messages; also the covername ALES message.
2. Items highlighted in yellow are examples of names that we need to clear with the FBI before releasing in the translations. Highlighted in ~~orange~~ are cryptanalytic/linguistic/UK/other items that we will withhold (delete from the translations we release).
3. I have circled some names, which we might release on our own or which we need to clear with FBI, to draw your attention to examples that require some study by us in consideration of personal privacy etc. In other words, even if FBI approves a name for release - or we do not seek their approval in the first place - we have to make our own call.
4. Certain major public figures identified in text and/or footnote can be released without FBI review or any privacy concern. For example (and these are not in the attached samples), many messages refer to KAPITAN and BOAR, the KGB covernames for FDR and Churchill as stated in translation footnotes. Several dozen in this category (others being Stimson, Anthony Eden, De Gaulle).
5. All message translations will require careful study; a case by case situation even though we have drawn up guidelines for what is to be released. We expect to withhold very little.



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